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Report from Cape Colony—Examination for plague-infected rodents— Infectious diseases.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, March 6, 1905.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the colony on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended March 4, 1905, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital no cases were under treatment. Three hundred and sixty rats (10 found dead) and 520 mice (9 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 1 rat proved to be plague-infected.

East London.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital no cases were under treatment. Ninety-five rats (54 found dead) and 33 mice (12 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 33 rats and 3 mice proved to be plague-infected.

Other districts of the colony.—No plague infection was discovered either in man or animals. Four hundred and thirty-four rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town Harbor board area and the shipping in the harbor and 575 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

Return of cases of infectious disease in the Cape division for the week ended March 4, 1905.

Local authority.	Scarlet fever.		Diphtheria.		Enteric (typhoid) fever.		Erysipelas.		Tuberculosis.	
	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.
Cape Town.....			1	1			1			5
Woodstock.....	2				1					
Mowbray.....					1					1
Wynberg.....										2
Cape Divisional Council.....										
Total.....	2		1	1	2		1			8

From the following local authorities no returns have been received: Green and Sea Point, Maitland, Rondebosch, Claremont, Kalk Bay, and Simon's Town municipalities, and Glen Lily, Fairfield, and Parow village management board.

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